people employed through registered small scale industries (SSI) in Tamil Nadu during the last five years is given below:

Year	Cumulative number of people employed through SSIs
2000-2001	29,02,122
2001-2002	31,04,477
2002-2003	31,42,335
2003-2004	34,65,302
2004-2005*	35,10,908

*Upto 31.12.2004

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) In order to generate more employment through SSI (which also include rural industries), the Central Government has been implementing the Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana and Rural Employment Generation Programme throughout the country, including Tamil Nadu. In addition to these two programmes, Central schemes and programmes for various types of assistance for making credit available through banks, development of infrastructure, technology upgradation, strengthening of marketing facilities, entrepreneurship development, etc., for the promotion **and** development of SSI are also implemented.

Upgradation of National Highways

*230. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposed to spend Rs. 1,72,000 crores for upgrading the National Highways;

(b) whether these proposals include the 3rd phase of National Highways Development Programme to provide links between ports and National Highways;

(c) whether to fund the mega project, his Ministry are considering to seek market borrowings worth Rs. 30,000 crore and also external assistance and also from private capital to meet demands for completion of these projects; and

(d) to what extent Government have been able to collect money and the progress made, so far?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) A presentation was made by the Planning Commission before the Committee on Infrastructure for the proposed programme for upgradation of National Highways in next seven years (2005-2012) at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,72,000 crore (including Rs. 75,000 crore from Private Participation).

(c) and (d) It is too early to indicate the requirement of market borrowing or external assistance for the programme for upgradation of National Highways.

Agreement with Anti Doping Agency

*231. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have signed an agreement with the World Anti Doping Agency, recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to educate athletes about anti-doping and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) No, Sir. However, the Government of India is a founder member of World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

(b) Does not arise. However, Government has signed the Copenhagen Declaration on Anti-Doping in Sports. This international declaration enables Government to support the role of WADA. It has been decided to set up a National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) as an autonomous registered society under the Ministry. This Agency would work closely with WADA to fight the menace of doping in sports.

(c) The control of doping in sports is primarily the responsibility of the Indian Olympic Association and the National Sports Federations. The